Leaderboard

Updated: Wednesday, April 29, 2015

HOW TO GET INTO THE KENTUCKY DERBY STARTING GATE – The Road to the Kentucky Derby Presented by TwinSpires.com is a 35-race series that awards points to the Top 4 finishers in each race. The Top 20 point earners will earn a spot in the starting gate for the 141st running of the $2 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (Grade I) on Saturday, May 2, 2015. The Kentucky Derby field has been limited to 20 starters since 1975. At least 20 horses have entered the 1 ¼-mile race for 3-year-olds every year since 2004, and 14 of the last 16 years.

Rank	Horse	Points	Owner(s)	Trainer	Non-Restricted Stakes Earnings
1.	International Star	171	Ken & Sarah Ramsey	Mike Maker	$940,979
2.	Dortmund	170	Kaleem Shah Inc.	Bob Baffert	$1,230,000
3.	Carpe Diem	164	WinStar Farm, LLC (Kenny Troutt) & Stonestreet Stables LLC (Barbara Banke)	Todd Pletcher	$1,470,000
4.	American Pharoah	160	Zayat Stables, LLC (Ahmed Zayat)	Bob Baffert	$1,410,000
5.	Frosted	113	Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum et al)	Kiaran McLaughlin	$776,200
6.	Mubtaahij-IRE	100	Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum	Mike de Kock	$1,400,000
7.	Materiality	100	Alto Racing LLC (Gil Moutray)	Todd Pletcher	$632,028
8.	El Kabeir	95	Zayat Stables, LLC (Ahmed Zayat)	John Terranova II	$720,792
9.	Upstart	76	Ralph M. Evans	Rick Violette Jr.	$807,680
10.	Far Right	62	Harry T. Rosenblum & Robert V. LaPenta	Ron Moquett	$585,906
11.	Itsaknockout	60	Starlight Racing (Jack & Laurie Wolf & Donald & Barbara Lucarelli)	Todd Pletcher	$288,560
12.	Firing Line	58	Arnold Zetcher LLC	Simon Callaghan	$530,000
	~~@Dubai Sky~~	~~50~~	~~Three Chimneys Farm (Goncalo Borges Torrealba) & Besilu Stables (Benjamin Leon)~~	~~Bill Mott~~	~~$371,780~~
13.	Danzig Moon	45	John C. Oxley	Mark Casse	$217,500
14.	War Story	44	Loooch Racing Stables, Inc. (Ron Paolucci), Glenn K. Ellis & Christopher T. Dunn	Tom Amoss	$195,000
15.	Tencendur	41	Philip S. Birsh	George Weaver	$224,500
	~~Maftool~~	~~40~~	~~Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum et al)~~	~~Saeed bin Suroor~~	~~$630,595~~
	~~One Lucky Dane~~	~~40~~	~~Michael Lund Petersen~~	~~Bob Baffert~~	~~$200,000~~
	~~Ami's Flatter~~	~~40~~	~~Ivan Dalos~~	~~Josie Carroll~~	~~$195,200~~
16.	Stanford	40	Stonestreet Stables LLC (Barbara Banke), Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith	Todd Pletcher	$151,400
17.	Mr. Z	34	Zayat Stables, LLC (Ahmed Zayat)	D. Wayne Lukas	$625,826
18.	Ocho Ocho Ocho	30	DP Racing, LLC (Deron Pearson)	Jim Cassidy	$760,250
19.	Bolo	30	Golden Pegasus Racing Inc. (Frank Stronach et al) & Earle Mack	Carla Gaines	$214,980
	~~Madefromlucky~~	~~30~~	~~Cheyenne Stables LLC (Everett Dobson) & Mac Nichol~~	~~Todd Pletcher~~	~~$200,000~~
	~~Prospect Park~~	~~30~~	~~Pam & Martin Wygod~~	~~Cliff Sise Jr.~~	~~$130,000~~
	~~Conquest Typhoon~~	~~26~~	~~Conquest Stables, LLC (Ernie Semersky & Dory Newell)~~	~~Mark Casse~~	~~$430,827~~
20.	Keen Ice	22	Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford)	Dale Romans	$136,520
	~~Daredevil~~	~~20~~	~~WinStar Farm (Kenny Troutt), Let's Go Stable (Kevin Scatuorchio & Bryan Sullivan) & China Horse Club~~	~~Todd Pletcher~~	~~$389,600~~
	~~+Golden Barows~~	~~20~~	~~Hirotsugu Inokuma & Katsumi Yoshida~~	~~Noriyuki Hori~~	~~$354,316~~
	~~+Where's the Moon~~	~~20~~	~~J. Kirk & Judy Robison~~	~~Henry Dominguez~~	~~$236,000~~
	~~@Divining Rod~~	~~20~~	~~Lael Stables (Roy & Gretchen Jackson)~~	~~Arnaud Delacour~~	~~$225,000~~
	~~@Tiz Shea D~~	~~20~~	~~Wachtel Stable (Adam Wachtel), Brous Stable LLC (Nils Brous) & Gary Barber~~	~~Bill Mott~~	~~$110,000~~
21.	Frammento	20	Mossarosa (Nena Moss)	Nick Zito	$92,800
	~~Bold Conquest~~	~~17~~	~~Ackerley Brothers Farm (Lee & Bob Ackerley)~~	~~Steve Asmussen~~	~~$192,176~~
	~~Calculator~~	~~14~~	~~Richard C. Pell~~	~~Peter Miller~~	~~$180,000~~
	~~Classy Class~~	~~13~~	~~Cheyenne Stables LLC (Everett Dobson)~~	~~Kiaran McLaughlin~~	~~$115,000~~
	~~Texas Red~~	~~12~~	~~Erich Brehm, Wayne Detmar, Lee Michaels, Keith Desormeaux & Gene Voss~~	~~Keith Desormeaux~~	~~$1,176,000~~
	~~The Truth or Else~~	~~11~~	~~Harold Lerner, LLC~~	~~Kenny McPeek~~	~~$180,167~~
	~~Leave the Light On~~	~~10~~	~~Klaravich Stables, Inc. (Seth Klarman) & William H. Lawrence~~	~~Chad Brown~~	~~$240,000~~
	~~Far From Over~~	~~10~~	~~Black Rock Thoroughbreds, LLP (Steven Marshall)~~	~~Todd Pletcher~~	~~$150,000~~
	~~Pain and Misery~~	~~10~~	~~Black Gold Racing (Dr. Leonard Blach & Ray Willis)~~	~~Henry Dominguez~~	~~$145,350~~
	~~Metaboss~~	~~10~~	~~Michael Arndt, Milan McFetridge, Daniel Preiss, Mersad Metanovic & Chuck Azcarate~~	~~Jeff Bonde~~	~~$136,450~~
	~~+Motaa-KSA~~	~~10~~	~~Sons of the late King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz~~	~~Bader al Shaibani~~	~~$123,461~~
	~~Lucky Player~~	~~10~~	~~Jerry Durant~~	~~Steve Asmussen~~	~~$97,831~~
	~~Firespike~~	~~10~~	~~Skychai Racing LLC, Charles Kevin Warner & Sand Dollar Stable LLC~~	~~Mike Maker~~	~~$51,816~~

-more-

Rank	Horse	Points	Owner(s)	Trainer	Non-Restricted Stakes Earnings
	~~Tiznow R J~~	~~7~~	~~Mike McCarthy~~	~~Steve Asmussen~~	~~$74,500~~
	~~Lord Nelson~~	~~6~~	~~Peachtree Stable (John Fort)~~	~~Bob Baffert~~	~~$288,571~~
	~~Rock Shandy~~	~~6~~	~~Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford)~~	~~Peter Miller~~	~~$56,000~~
	~~St. Joe Bay~~	~~6~~	~~Altamira Racing Stable & David A. Bernsen~~	~~Peter Miller~~	~~$50,500~~
	~~Toasting Master~~	~~5~~	~~West Point Thoroughbreds (Terry Finley)~~	~~Dale Romans~~	~~$31,000~~
	~~Task Force Glory~~	~~5~~	~~Ken & Sarah Ramsey~~	~~Mike Maker~~	~~$29,625~~
	~~Bayerd~~	~~4~~	~~Clark O. Brewster~~	~~Steve Asmussen~~	~~$266,000~~
	~~Imperia~~	~~4~~	~~Godolphin Racing LLC (Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum et al)~~	~~Kiaran McLaughlin~~	~~$171,804~~
	~~Cross the Line~~	~~4~~	~~Hollendorfer, Todaro, Live Your Dream Racing Stable, Sigband et al.~~	~~Jerry Hollendorfer~~	~~$132,000~~
	~~+Donworth~~	~~4~~	~~Regis Racing (Nat Rea)~~	~~Graham Motion~~	~~$50,000~~
	~~Nasa~~	~~4~~	~~Someday Farm (Pat Chapman)~~	~~John Servis~~	~~$40,000~~
	~~Bluegrass Singer~~	~~2~~	~~Crossed Sabres Farm~~	~~Marcus Vitali~~	~~$118,945~~
	~~Hashtag Bourbon~~	~~2~~	~~Bourbon Lane Farm (Jamie Hill)~~	~~Kellyn Gorder~~	~~$74,117~~
	~~Hollywood Critic~~	~~2~~	~~Bruce Lunsford~~	~~Tommy Drury Jr.~~	~~$35,528~~
	~~+Fame and Power~~	~~2~~	~~Juddmonte Farms Inc.~~	~~Bob Baffert~~	~~$25,000~~
	~~General Bellamy~~	~~2~~	~~Bach Stables LLC~~	~~Bill Mott~~	~~$25,000~~
	~~Eagle~~	~~2~~	~~William S. Farish~~	~~Neil Howard~~	~~$23,902~~
	~~+Pioneerof the West~~	~~2~~	~~John C. Oxley~~	~~Mark Casse~~	~~$14,250~~
	~~The Great War~~	~~1~~	~~Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier & Joseph Allen LLC~~	~~Wesley Ward~~	~~$215,662~~
	~~Private Prospect~~	~~1~~	~~Mellon Patch Inc.~~	~~Michael Campbell~~	~~$138,000~~
	~~Bench Warrant~~	~~1~~	~~Doubledown Stables Inc.~~	~~John Sadler~~	~~$91,890~~
	~~+Ackeret~~	~~1~~	~~Pick Six Racing & Silver Streak Stable~~	~~Rudy Rodriguez~~	~~$75,000~~
	~~Danny Boy~~	~~1~~	~~Donegal Racing (Jerry Crawford)~~	~~Dale Romans~~	~~$59,544~~
	~~+Saratoga Heater~~	~~1~~	~~P.R. Racing~~	~~Al Stall Jr.~~	~~$50,000~~
	~~Juan and Bina~~	~~1~~	~~Grupo 7C Racing Stable~~	~~Gustavo Delgado~~	~~$40,330~~
	~~Another Lemon Drop~~	~~1~~	~~Rigney Racing LLC (Richard Rigney)~~	~~Phil Bauer~~	~~$25,500~~
	~~Tough Customer~~	~~1~~	~~Gary & Mary West~~	~~Wayne Catalano~~	~~$25,000~~
	~~Comfort~~	~~1~~	~~Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners (Aron Wellman et al)~~	~~Todd Pletcher~~	~~$12,500~~
	~~Harmonic~~	~~1~~	~~R. Awtrey, R. Hammond, Phillips Racing Partnership, C. Schummer et al.~~	~~Jerry Hollendorfer~~	~~$12,000~~
	~~Hero Ten All~~	~~1~~	~~Edward K. Gaylord II~~	~~Jeff Mullins~~	~~$9,250~~
	~~Flashaway~~	~~1~~	~~John C. Oxley~~	~~Mark Casse~~	~~$8,999~~
22.	Tale of Verve	0	Charles E. Fipke	Dallas Stewart	$0

@ = Late Triple Crown Nominee + = Not Triple Crown Nominated … Bold = Update from previously published Leaderboard … Strikethrough = Sidelined, inactive, appears to be no longer under serious Kentucky Derby consideration or not Triple Crown nominated … Red = Entered in Arkansas Derby or Lexington.

2014-15 ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY

35 Races (16 Championship Series Races)

Kentucky Derby Prep Season (19 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1st (Points)	2nd (Points)	3rd (Points)	4th (Points)
Sept. 6	Iroquois	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	~~Lucky Player (10)~~	~~Bold Conquest (4)~~	~~Hashtag Bourbon (2)~~	~~Danny Boy (1)~~
Sept. 27	FrontRunner	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	American Pharoah (10)	~~Calculator (4)~~	~~Texas Red (2)~~	~~Lord Nelson (1)~~
Oct. 4	Champagne	Belmont Park	1 Mile	Daredevil (10)	Upstart (4)	~~The Truth or Else (2)~~	El Kabeir (1)
Oct. 4	Breeders' Futurity	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	Carpe Diem (10)	Mr. Z (4)	~~Bold Conquest (2)~~	~~Tough Customer (1)~~
Oct. 5	Grey	Woodbine	1 1/16 Miles (S)	International Star (10)	~~Conquest Typhoon (4)~~	~~Hollywood Critic (2)~~	~~Flashaway (1)~~
Nov. 1	Breeders' Cup Juvenile	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	~~Texas Red (10)~~	Carpe Diem (4)	Upstart (2)	~~The Great War (1)~~
Nov. 22	Delta Downs Jackpot	Delta Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Ocho Ocho Ocho (10)	Mr. Z (4)	Far Right (2)	~~*Saratoga Heater (1)*~~
Nov. 29	Remsen	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	~~Leave the Light On (10)~~	Frosted (4)	Keen Ice (2)	~~Classy Class (1)~~
Nov. 29	Kentucky Jockey Club	Churchill Downs	1 1/16 Miles	El Kabeir (10)	~~Imperia (4)~~	~~Eagle (2)~~	International Star (1)
Dec. 20	Los Alamitos Futurity	Los Alamitos	1 1/16 Miles	Dortmund (10)	Firing Line (4)	Mr. Z (2)	~~Bench Warrant (1)~~
Jan. 3	Jerome	Aqueduct	1 Mile 70 Yards	El Kabeir (10)	~~Nasa (4)~~	~~General Bellamy (2)~~	~~*Ackeret (1)*~~
Jan. 10	Sham	Santa Anita	1 Mile	~~Calculator (10)~~	~~Rock Shandy (4)~~	~~*Pioneerof the West (2)*~~	~~St. Joe Bay (1)~~
Jan. 17	Lecomte	Fair Grounds	1 Mile 70 Yards	International Star (10)	War Story (4)	~~Tiznow R J (2)~~	~~Another Lemon Drop (1)~~
Jan. 19	Smarty Jones	Oaklawn Park	1 Mile	Far Right (10)	~~Bayerd (4)~~	Mr. Z (2)	~~Private Prospect (1)~~
Jan. 24	Holy Bull	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	Upstart (10)	Frosted (4)	~~Bluegrass Singer (2)~~	~~Juan and Bina (1)~~
Feb. 7	Withers	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	~~Far From Over (10)~~	El Kabeir (4)	~~Classy Class (2)~~	Tencendur (1)
Feb. 7	Robert B. Lewis	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Dortmund (10)	Firing Line (4)	~~Rock Shandy (2)~~	~~Hero Ten All (1)~~
Feb. 14	El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate	1 1/8 Miles (S)	~~Metaboss (10)~~	~~Cross the Line (4)~~	~~Conquest Typhoon (2)~~	~~Harmonic (1)~~
Feb. 22	Southwest	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	Far Right (10)	~~The Truth Or Else (4)~~	Mr. Z (2)	~~Bold Conquest (1)~~

Kentucky Derby Championship Series (16 races)

Date	Race	Racetrack	Distance	1st (Points)	2nd (Points)	3rd (Points)	4th (Points)
Feb. 21	Fountain of Youth	Gulfstream Park	1 1/16 Miles	Itsaknockout (50)	Upstart (20)	Frammento (10)	Frosted (5)
Feb. 21	Risen Star	Fair Grounds	1 1/16 Miles	International Star (50)	War Story (20)	Keen Ice (10)	~~St. Joe Bay (5)~~
March 7	Gotham	Aqueduct	1 1/16 Miles	El Kabeir (50)	~~Tiz Shea D (20)~~	~~Classy Class (10)~~	~~Toasting Master (5)~~
March 7	Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay Downs	1 1/16 Miles	Carpe Diem (50)	~~Ami's Flatter (20)~~	~~Divining Rod (10)~~	Danzig Moon (5)
March 7	San Felipe	Santa Anita	1 1/16 Miles	Dortmund (50)	~~Prospect Park (20)~~	Bolo (10)	~~Lord Nelson (5)~~
March 14	Rebel	Oaklawn Park	1 1/16 Miles	American Pharoah (50)	~~Madefromlucky (20)~~	~~Bold Conquest (10)~~	~~The Truth Or Else (5)~~
March 21	Spiral	Turfway Park	1 1/8 Miles (S)	~~Dubai Sky (50)~~	~~Conquest Typhoon (20)~~	~~Firespike (10)~~	~~Task Force Glory (5)~~
March 22	Sunland Derby	Sunland Park	1 1/8 Miles	Firing Line (50)	~~*Where's the Moon (20)*~~	~~Pain and Misery (10)~~	~~Tiznow R J (5)~~
March 28	UAE Derby	Meydan Racecourse	1 3/16 Miles	Mubtaahij-IRE (100)	~~Maftool (40)~~	~~*Golden Barons (20)*~~	~~*Motaa-KS-A (10)*~~
March 28	Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds	1 1/8 Miles	International Star (100)	Stanford (40)	War Story (20)	Keen Ice (10)
March 28	Florida Derby	Gulfstream Park	1 1/8 Miles	Materiality (100)	Upstart (40)	~~Ami's Flatter (20)~~	Itsaknockout (10)
April 4	Wood Memorial	Aqueduct	1 1/8 Miles	Frosted (100)	Tencendur (40)	El Kabeir (20)	~~Daredevil (10)~~
April 4	Blue Grass	Keeneland	1 1/8 Miles	Carpe Diem (100)	Danzig Moon (40)	Ocho Ocho Ocho (20)	Frammento (10)
April 4	Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita	1 1/8 Miles	Dortmund (100)	~~One Lucky Dane (40)~~	Bolo (20)	~~Prospect Park (10)~~
April 11	Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn Park	1 1/8 Miles	American Pharoah (100)	Far Right (40)	Mr. Z (20)	~~Madefromlucky (10)~~
April 11	Lexington	Keeneland	1 1/16 Miles	~~Divining Rod (10)~~	~~*Donworth (4)*~~	~~*Fame and Glory (2)*~~	~~Comfort (1)~~

Schedule subject to change.

TIEBREAKERS – If two or more horses have the same number of points, the tiebreaker is earnings in non-restricted stakes races. In the case of remaining ties, the additional starter(s) and/or also-eligible horses shall be determined by lot (aka a "shake").

FILLIES – If a filly wants to run in the Kentucky Derby she can, but she'll have to earn her way into the field by accumulating points against open company just like the rest of the colts and geldings. Additionally, any points earned by a filly in the "Road to the Kentucky Derby" series against open company will be credited to her point total in the "Road to the Kentucky Oaks" series.

DEAD-HEATS – In the event of a dead-heat (tie) in a "Road to the Kentucky Derby" race, those horses will divide equally the points they would have received jointly had one beaten the other.

SPLIT DIVISIONS – In the event a "Road to the Kentucky Derby" race is split into divisions and each division awards its originally published purse money, points will be awarded as scheduled for each division. If the originally published purse is halved for each division, points will be halved as well.

NOMINATIONS – Horses born in 2012 can be made eligible to run in the 2015 Kentucky Derby and Triple Crown with a $600 early payment due by Jan. 17, 2015. A late period for nominations at $6,000 each will be open Jan. 18, 2015 through March 23, 2015. In addition to the Triple Crown nomination fee, owners must pay $25,000 to enter the Derby by 10 a.m. ET on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, and an additional $25,000 to start. A horse not nominated to the Triple Crown with sufficient points may be supplemented for $200,000.

POST POSITION DRAW – The Kentucky Derby post position draw – a traditional "pill pull" in which horses' entry blanks are pulled simultaneously with a numbered pill to determine what stall a horse will break from the starting gate – will be held at Churchill Downs on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. ET (live on NBCSN). Up to 24 horses may enter the race and four horses can be listed as "also eligible" and would be ranked in order accordingly; they could draw into the field should any horse(s) be scratched before scratch time on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 9 a.m. ET.

PRIZE MONEY – The Kentucky Derby winner will receive a gold trophy plus an estimated $1.24 million payday. A total of $400,000 will be awarded to the runner-up, $200,000 to third, $100,000 to fourth and $60,000 to fifth.

BACKGROUND – Churchill Downs abandoned the graded stakes earnings criteria for the 2013 Kentucky Derby (used from 1986-2012) and proactively adopted a tiered point system to determine which horses would have preference for America's greatest race. Today, a sliding scale of points is awarded to the Top 4 finishers in select races, and at the series' end, the Top 20 point earners get first crack to start in the Kentucky Derby.

METRICS – More than $59.7 million was wagered on the 34-race "Road to the Kentucky Derby" series in 2013-14 with an average of 9.38 horses per race. Betting on the 16-race Championship Series totaled more $34.8 million and an average of 9.94 horses competed in each event. On Kentucky Derby Day, Churchill Downs had its second-largest crowd (164,909), second-highest all-sources betting handle ($186.6 million) and 15.3 million viewers watched the race on NBC. Combined Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby Day attendance was a record 277,977 and all-sources betting totaled $229.8 million, which was second only behind 2013's $230.4 million.

ABOUT THE DERBY – To have a horse draped in the garland of roses while raising the solid gold trophy high atop the Kentucky Derby winner's stand is the Holy Grail for horsemen around the world. Restricted to 3-year-old Thoroughbreds, horses only have one chance to win the Kentucky Derby, and it's quite an accomplishment just to receive a berth in the starting gate. Approximately 23,500 Thoroughbreds were foaled in North America in 2012, and if history is any indication, about one percent of the crop will be nominated to next spring's Triple Crown. Only 20 will be allowed to "Run for the Roses," as the Derby field has been limited to 20 starters since 1975. At least 20 horses have entered the race since 2004, and 14 of the last 16 years. Once a horse earns its coveted Kentucky Derby berth, it, in most cases, will race the extended 1 ¼-mile distance for the first time. A combination of speed and the stamina it takes to complete the final eighth of a mile in the Derby often determines a win or loss.

-END-